

News from Thailand – November 2022



Dear Friends,

This year has gone by so fast. Time flies when you're having fun. Jesus has brought us through another year. Let's see what gifts we can bring to Him before this year is over.

The past month has been one of restructuring foundation, having to adjust to my new situation. The majority of the time has been spent laying the groundwork for a school ministry, distributing character building booklets to rural schools.

It's been a challenge to organize logistics and try to reach as many poor schools as possible. With the COVID situation, an idea came to me to offer encouragement and inspiration to teachers, administrators, and staff of schools also. Time was spent in preparing materials to do this, in English and Thai.

Most material consists of short stories, anecdotes, and practical how-tos on being positive, offering encouragement, and ways to have more of a thankful attitude to alleviate stress that confronts people on a regular basis.

I'm also working towards building a follow-up program to send out materials on a regular basis to old friends that would be helpful for them and their families. Please pray that I can make substantial headway in these areas and more in the coming months.

There are two other requests I'd like to make. One is regarding printing a booklet for students in rural schools; the other is getting applications for a computer.

- 1) Four booklets have been produced over 4 years – and 20,000 copies of each, as of October 2022. 71,000 have been distributed to 50 schools, as well as follow-up worksheets and articles on various topics to encourage them in their daily life and work. The idea is to start with these English follow-up sheets and then slowly work up to sharing Biblical principles, as many do not come from a Christian background. The Lord reminded me of an old story called “Stone Soup.” If you remember, this soup was made; a little of this, a little of that... one carrot, a piece of meat, onion, three potatoes... I’m sure you get the idea. The end result was a delicious, healthy, satisfying meal made up of small contributions to fill the need. The idea is to produce this 24- or 32-page bilingual Thai-English booklet for both Christmas and general school distribution. We hope to print 20,000 of these. If you are interested in contributing to this “stone soup” – whether a big contribution or small – please send your donation here, with the project name “Thai school project”.
- 2) My laptops are old and broken. The Lord’s supplied a new one via a friend. It’s a 4 year old Apple laptop that is still in great shape; however, I need to create an Apple account and download various applications in order to use it. There are applications that I believe would be practical and useful, given my visually-challenged situation. If you would like to make any contributions towards this, it’d be greatly appreciated – AND it’d make it possible to send out some great pictures of the work we’re doing! Thank you very much for your time, help, and consideration.

Have a happy Thanksgiving!
Love in Jesus, Keith